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## **ABSTRACT**

The A housing [[3]] made of an insulating synthetic resin has a connecting recess [[13]] opened in the connecting direction [[Y]]. The side walls [[14]] defining the connecting recess [[13]] is provided with terminal retainer recesses [[18]] arranged side by side in the lateral direction [[X]]. The openings [[25]] are formed in the portion of the outer side surface of each side wall [[14]] which correspond to the partition walls [[26]] separating adjacent terminal retainer recesses [[18]] from each other. The openings [[25]] have the terminal retainer holes [[18]], which are formed on both sides of the corresponding partition walls [[26]], opened to the exterior thereof. When the housing [[3]] is molded, the pins for forming the openings [[25]] are interposed among the ribs of the metal mold which are used to form the adjacent terminal retainer recesses [[18]], the deformation of the ribs being thereby held down.